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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2977
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E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJECT: OECD SUPPORT FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT

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- 1. EMBASSY DELIVERED LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI'S CABINET MAY 19 WITH COURTESY COPY TO FFICE VIII IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE.
- 2. ON MAY 22 ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL MINISTER (ECMIN) DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH AMBASSADOCRMONDELLO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, DRAWING ON TALK ING POINTS PARA 5 REFTEL, WHICH ALSO COVERED IN AIDE MEMOIRE. MONDELLO, WHO CALLED IN VOLPI FROM OFFICE VIII, CONFIDENTIAL

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REVIEWED DRAFT OF FORLANI'S RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY IN ECMIN'S PRESENCE. RESPONSE IS CORDIAL BUT NON-SUBSTANTIVE, ASFURING THE SECRETARY THAT GOIN WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO WORK TOWARD OECD CONSENSUS ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT. MONDELLO EXPECTED FORLANI TO SIGN LETTER IN A DAY OR TWO, AFTER WHICH IT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED VIA ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

3. MONDELLO APPEARED TO BE FULLY COGNIZANT OF U.S. VIEWS AND INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, HE WAS UNWILLING TO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE O U.S. REPRESENTATION. RATHER, HE LIMITED HIMSELF TO NOTING THAT THIS IS VERY DELICATE SUBJECT FOR ITALY---REFERRING TO CONSTITUTIONAL COURT TRIAL OF TWO FORMER MINISTERS AND OTHERS IN LOCKHEED SCANDAL NOW UNDERWAY--AND ASSERTED THAT EC WOULD BE WORKING OUT COMMON POSITION PRIOR TO JUNE 14-15 OECD MINISTERIAL.GARDNER

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